





the great defect, which, in view of recent occurrences, necessarily attaches to the Congress about to convene, is the Presidential election. It has, indeed, as I take a hurried glance at the composition, and the names of the members, the appearance of some of the facts which strike us at a glance over the list of the members:

The Senate there will be several members new to the country. I have known, outside of the United States. They are Messrs. Anthony, of Guinn, of Iowa, Salisbury, of Del., Powell, of Ohio, and the President elect, Hayes, of Ohio. The Ex-ec. of N. J. and Hempstead, of N. Y.

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the new House consists (besides delegates from the various) of 237 members, where 115—not the half—were members of the last House. The new House is larger than the last House, but it is delayed—will add members to the new House.

Of those elected as new members, several are members of former Congresses, though not of last. Thaddeus Stevens, of Pa., and Thomas Corwin, of Ohio, were members of the 35th Congress. Eldridge, of Tenn., William D. Briggs, of N. Y., Thomas D. Elliot, Mass., James H. Campbell, of Pa., and John A. Burchard, of Ill., belong to this list.

The "father of the House"—the member who has been in the House the longest time, is, we are told, William B. W. Cobb, of Ala., though Corwin, of Ohio, was in the House some years less than he. Mr. Corwin, if we mistake not, was not a member of that branch since 1848, and he is now the oldest member of the House of Representatives.

Messrs. Giddings, of Ohio, and Stevens, of Pa., who had severally served twenty years or thereabout, went out with the last Congress.

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